



PTO/SB/21 (08-03)
Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

Under the Panerwork Reduction Act	of 1995, no person	. U.S. Pater	nt and Trademark Offic	ce; U.S. D	EPARTMENT OF COMMERCE	
Onder the Faberwork Reduction Act	OF TOSS, NO DETSOIL	Application Number	10/709,305	<u> </u>		
TRANSMITTAL		Filing Date	April 28, 2004			
FORM		First Named Inventor	Katsuhiro Itakura			
(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)		Art Unit	(to be assigned)			
		Examiner Name	(to be assign			
Total Number of Pages in This Submis	sion 2 5	Attorney Docket Number	39.036			
	ENC	LOSURES (Check all tha	t apply)			
Fee Transmittal Form Fee Attached Amendment/Reply After Final Affidavits/declarations Extension of Time Request Express Abandonment Request Information Disclosure States Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application Response to Missing under 37 CFR 1.52 of	est Rema	Drawing(s) Licensing-related Papers Petition Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Addr Terminal Disclaimer Request for Refund CD, Number of CD(s)	ess Cot	Group peal Cor Appeals peal Cor peal Noti oprietary	osure(s) (please	
S	IGNATURE (OF APPLICANT, ATTORN	EY, OR AGEN	T		
or Judge Pate Signature	nt Firm	Agust A	ches.			
Date September 242004						
CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MA)LING						
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below.						
Typed or printed name						
Signature				Date		

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

App. No.

10/709,305

Applicant

Katsuhiro Itakura

Filed

April 28, 2004

Tech. Cntr./Art Unit

(To be assigned)

Examiner

(To be assigned)

Docket No.

39.036

Customer No.

29453

Honorable Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

This constitutes an Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. The attached documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08A are hereby brought to the Examiner's attention in the patent application identified above.

REMARKS

Cite Nos. U1 through U5 and F1, listed on Form PTO/SB/08A submitted herewith, were cited in a communication from the European Patent Office in a counterpart application.

For the Examiner's reference, a copy of the European Search Report also accompanies this paper. Of the seven references cited in the Search Report, the abstract from JP 9-253882 has already been submitted in an IDS dated August 12, 2004 in the instant case, and because it is thus cumulative to material already made of record the reference is not being submitted here. Further, only an English abstract—from Patent Abstracts of Japan—was cited in the Search Report as the reference listed as Cite No. F1 on Form PTO/SB/08A, and thus only the abstract itself is being submitted here.

App. No. 10/709,305 IDS Submission

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider these references, and to indicate so on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08A and make the document of record in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

September 24, 2004

James W. Judge

Registration No. 42,701

JUDGE PATENT FIRM

Rivière Shukugawa 3rd Fl. 3-1 Wakamatsu-cho

Nishinomiya-shi, Hyogo 662-0035

JAPAN

Telephone: **305-938-7119** Voicemail/Fax: **703-997-4565**

e-mail:

jj@judgepat.jp



PTO/SB/08A (10-01)
Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB

Complete if Known Substitute for form 1449A/PTO 10/709,305 April 28, 2004 **Application Number** INFORMATION DISCLOSURE Filing Date Katsuhiro Itakura STATEMENT BY APPLICANT **First Named Inventor** Art Unit (To be assigned) (use as many sheets as necessary) (To be assigned) Examiner Name Attorney Docket Number 39.036 Sheet of

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials		Document Number Number - Kind Code ² (if known	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
	U1	us- 5,243,153-A	08-10-1993	Bacon et al.	
	U2	us- 6,386,426-B1	05-14-2002	Tadauchi et al.	
www	U3	us- 2003/0021719-A1	01-30-2003	Taguchi et al.	
	U4	us- 4,757,934-A	07-19-1988	Greenstein	
	U5	us- 3,396,454-A	08-13-1968	J.P. Murdock et al.	
		US-			TO STATE OF THE ASSESSMENT OF THE STATE OF T
		US-		The state of the s	
	i	US-			
	i	us-		p - Common annual property and the common and the c	op opper i annount i amende filment — tritting in appe i light hade i i i i, i i i in i i i
	1	US-			
		US-		The state of any contractions in 1991 and the state of the best state of	The state of the s
	i .	us-	The same a same as some		
		us-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-	P 100 1 1000000 1 1 1 1 1 1 1		
		US-		- pro-citizan et despisajona digitation en et egitatio (pro-citizan et pro-citizan et despisajonal digitation et despisajonal despisajo	0.000 0.000
		US-			
		us.		2.5.1.2.1.11	
		US-			

	FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner	Cite	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages		
Initials	No. 1	Country Code3 -Number4 - Kind Code5 (if known)	MM-DD-YYYY	Applicant of Cited Document	or Relevant Figures Appear	T6	
	F1	JP-2000-138334 (PAJ)	05-16-2000	Kyowa Densen KK	Abstract	~	
						"	
		and the state of t	And the second s		THE O' 1 SHOWS AND A SHOW THE STATE OF THE S		
		MAN BOARD	A				
/ · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		Companies and the second control of the seco			AT THE PARTY OF TH		
					America Andrea e Principale a Marie Parlamente de la constitución de l		
			CONTRACTOR OF THE CONTRACTOR CONT			i	

Examiner	Date	
Signature	Considered	
\$19.12.13.13	 000.00	

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

^{*}EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.